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SECRETED TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC

ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME

## **RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

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## Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 15, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 within the two month date of the shortened statutory period set for the response.

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